

# A merry show indeed

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## DHS students prepare radio rendition of 'A Christmas Carol'

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DUXBURY – In an age of text messages and video on demand, a group of Duxbury High School students is trying an old medium to tell a classic Christmas tale.

They're going on the radio.

Dubbed the Radio Faces, the nine students will perform a radio adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* that will be recorded and aired on WATD-FM. They'll be going into the studio Dec. 15. The airdate has not been set.

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COURTESY/ELLEN SNOEYENBOS

Lauren Feeney, Gillian Desmarais, Ashleen Chappuis and Cam Draper of The Radio Faces recently read a series of folk tales for members of Duxbury High's Best Buddies program.

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# Radio Faces bringing holiday classic to WATD

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The cast will give a live performance at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Merry Meeting Room at the Duxbury Free Library.

"Readers theater is an old idea in the library world," Young Adult Librarian Ellen Snoeyenbos said.

The idea of doing a radio play came about, Snoeyenbos said, from a discussion she had with WATD's Ed Perry about ways of engaging kids in radio. When she came across Los Angeles-based radio producer and dramatist Tony Palermo's adaptations of *A Christmas Carol* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, she knew she had found it.

She contacted Palermo and purchased performance and broadcast rights to *A Christmas Carol*. Along with the script, he also provided compact discs of music and sound effects.

The Radio Faces made their debut with a performance of three short folk tales for the high school's Best Buddies program.

"It's a trip to see the kids perform," Snoeyenbos said.

## The cast and crew

Ebenezer Scrooge - Elijah Brown  
Narrator - Cam Draper  
Marley's Ghost, Ghost of Christmas Future - Alexandra Zahnzinger  
Announcer & Tiny Tim - Lauren Feeney  
Bob Cratchit, Ghost of Christmas Present - Callum Boothman  
Mrs. Cratchit - Ashleen Chappuis  
Belle, Scrooge's fiance - Gillian Desmarais  
Fanny Scrooge, Ghost of Christmas Past - Kathleen Doherty  
Engineering by Logan Brown

"They're very dramatic."

And they don't want to stop with Christmas, she added. Perry is enthusiastic and she hopes doing radio plays will be a regular event. One possibility is to perform the folk tales show on WATD. They also want to perform it live for other groups.

"It's going to be a beautiful thing," Perry said. "We're going to make a big deal out of it."

In the past, the station has aired an annual program of classic radio shows produced by Massasoit Community College, but that didn't happen

this year, Perry said.

In the past, Duxbury students who participate in Snoeyenbos' poetry group at the library took part in WATD's Spoken Voices show that runs four times a year.

Snoeyenbos says she's found some old radio plays that have gone out of copyright. "A couple of kids are super excited about it," but she noted that some of the vintage language is a challenge for them.

"We like this kind of stuff; we want to do more of it," Perry said.